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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/237,896

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For: FACSIMILE DEVICE AND MEMORY MEDIUM STORING COMPUTER
PROGRAMS FOR CONTROLLING THE FACSIMILE DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the March 19, 2002, Office Action, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-46 are pending. Claims 38-46 have previously been withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 9 and 10 include allowable subject matter.

I. THE CLAIMS INCLUDE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 11-37 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,452,099 to Von Meister (hereinafter "Meister"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

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